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Submitted herewith are two copies of Japanese office actions, both dated July 21, 1998, along with an English translation of each, which were issued for HEI 1-113334 and HEI 1-123189, priority documents for the above-identifed U.S. patent application.

The Japanese Office Action regarding HEI 1-113334 cites the following reference:

Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. (A 14181, (Olympus Optical Co. Ltd.), published canuar 25, 1984



The Japanese Office Action regarding HEI 1-123189 cites the following references:

- (1) Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. (A) 57-78284, (Nippon Kogaku KK), published May 15, 1982
- (2) Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. (A) 59-017772, (Canon Inc.), published April January 30, 1984
- (3) Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. (A) 62-062674, (Canon Inc.), published March 19, 1987

A copy of each of the above references, along with an English abstract of each reference, is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

Applicants consider the claimed invention to be distinguishable over the above-cited references.

A Petition to the Commissioner for Consideration of Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement after Mailing of Final Rejection is being filed concurrently herewith.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(e), it is hereby certified that each new reference provided herewith was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

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